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Back-to-School

Make this your best year ever by getting organized and staying that way. Using your planner is a definite plus—now get your study area at home organized. Stock it with pens, pencils, paper, highlighters, a calculator, and whatever else you might need (but not a phone...you can catch up on the school gossip later!). Set up a schedule so you get in the habit of completing your homework every day at the same time, but make sure you give yourself a mental break after school. Have a snack, play outside, or do some pleasure reading. This will help refresh your mind for studying.

Girl Quote

"When I grow up, I want to be a teacher. First of all, I like to play school. I am smart. I think that when I grow up I am going to like kids a lot. A teacher deals with kids. If I could not be a teacher, I would maybe go around to nursing homes and talk to the people or I would want to volunteer my time for a community. My dream for right now is to help other people in my lifetime have a better life. I hope that comes true one day."

-Mindy

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Homework Tips

Be sure you understand your homework assignments. Write them down carefully. Ask your teacher if you have questions about the assignment. Doing these things will make your homework easier.

Gather your materials—including pencils, erasers, calculator, dictionary, pens, extra paper, and highlighters—to make sure you are prepared.

If you do your homework on a computer, use spell check and print out a copy to read, too. If you handwrite your homework, write clearly and carefully.

Remember, neatness counts. Avoid eating or drinking while you're doing your homework—food stains on your paper may affect your grade.

Form a study group with classmates for big projects—you can take turns quizzing each other on the material.

Once you are done with your homework, take a short break and then recheck your work. If you can, have someone else check your work, too. It's easy to catch simple mistakes this way.

Don't forget to put your homework in your book bag after you check it so you don't leave it at home!

If you are absent from class, try to get your homework assignment from your teacher or a classmate.

Visit the **Girl Power!** Web site at <www.girlpower.gov/girlarea/assignment/ resources/index.htm> for links to helpful homework sites.

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Be a friend. Help a student with homework in a subject in which you do well.

Word Scramble

This person is in charge of the school.

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Blast from the Past

In 1972, Title IX granted equal rights to women in schools, ending discrimination in both academics and athletics. To learn more about this historic legislation, go to http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/ge/Title_IX.html.

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Girl Power! Guest

"When I was your age, my father told me: 'Aim for the stars—you will at least reach the treetops.' It works!"



Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, a theoretical physicist, is the first African-American and first woman president of the prestigious engineering school Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. For more information about her career, go to www.girlpower.gov/girlarea/assignment/o8Aug/guest.htm.

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Guess Who

He was the first African-American
Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme
Court. He fought for equality for women
and people of all races. He also won
Brown v. The Board of Education, the
famous court case ending school
segregation. To learn more about this civil
rights leader, go to
<www.worldbook.com/fun/aajourny/html/
bh140.html>.

Fun Facts

The number of women attending college has been on the rise. In 1970, 42 percent of all college undergraduates were women; in 1996, 56 percent were women. Check out the Think College Early Web site at <www.ed.gov/thinkcollege/early> to learn more about your college options.

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